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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Seiji MANABE, et al.  
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USING THE SAME  
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

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This is in response to the Election Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **July 2, 2007**.

Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims corresponding to the Species of Figures 1-5. At present, the claims which correspond to that species are believed to be claims 1-10.

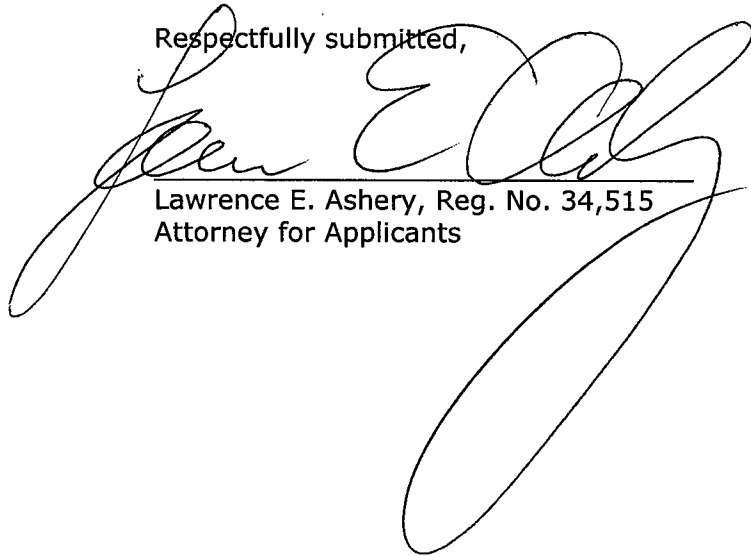
This election is made with traverse. Figures 6-9 correspond to a common exemplary embodiment. Thus, it was improper for the election requirement to separate those Figures as corresponding to patentably distinct species. In addition, Figures 7-9 are modifications of Figure 5 to improve inlet efficiency and the election requirement provides no basis for identifying those Figures as corresponding to a different species. Furthermore, Figures 14-16 illustrate how different types of LED's can be used in exemplary embodiments of the present invention while Figure 17 is a color atlas of the LED. Thus, it was also improper to identify those Figures as separate species.

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Accordingly, the claims corresponding to Figures 1-9 and 14-17 should be treated as one species.

Respectfully submitted,

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